

Two-Year Institution Workshop 2021

Act #36



Agenda

10:00 am Welcome

Act #36 (H.3017)

- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship –
 Ms. Kathryn Harris
- LIFE Scholarship –
 Dr. Gerrick Hampton

11:15 am Adjourn



Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Statutory Change A.36 (H.3017)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-104-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO INCLUDE TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES AMONG INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING WHOSE STUDENTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-149-60, RELATING TO THE DURATION OF LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS MAY NOT RECEIVE LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MORE THAN SIX SEMESTERS FOR THREE-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS.

PALMETTS FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP



Initial Eligibility Requirements

Early Award

- Rank in the top 6% in 10th or 11th grade;
 and
- 3.5 SC UGP GPA by the end of 11th grade; and
- 1200 SAT or 27 ACT

Late Award

- Rank in the top 6% in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade; and
- 3.5 SC UGP GPA by end of 12th grade; and
- 1200 SAT or 27 ACT

Alternative Criteria

- 4.0 SC UGP GPA by end of 11th grade; and
- 1400 SAT or 32 ACT

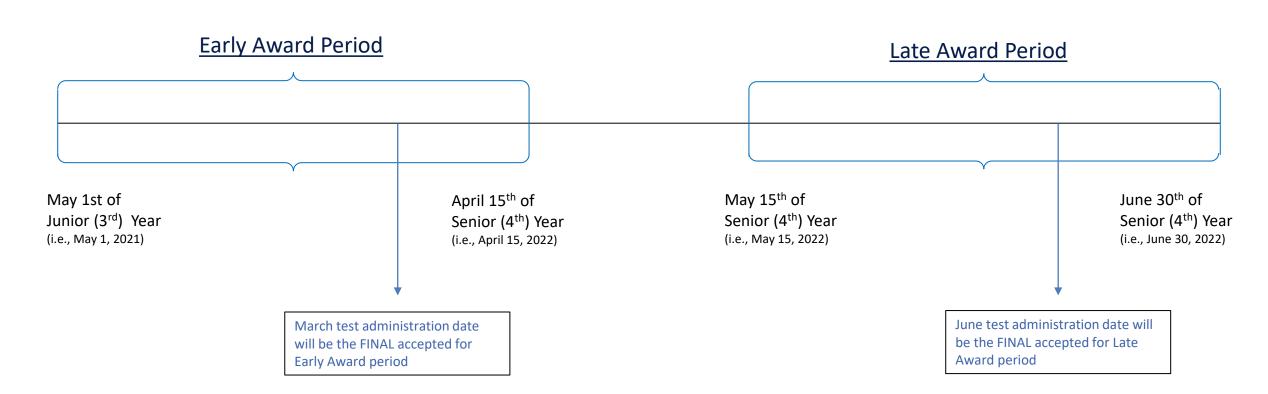
Alternative Criteria

- 4.0 SC UGP GPA by end of 12th grade; and
- 1400 SAT or 32 ACT

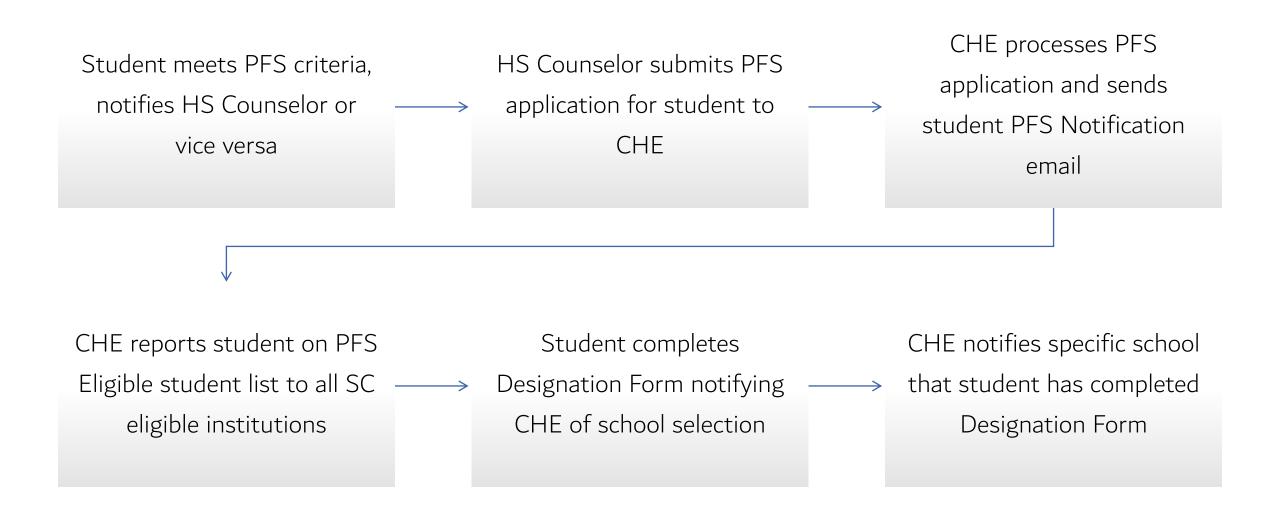


PFS Year-Round Processing Timeline

- CHE will review applications continuously (bi-weekly) to determine eligibility for the PFS
- Decisions will then be uploaded into CHE data system and released to students/schools
- Estimated processing time from date of paper application receipt to decision release: 1 month



PFS Application Process



CHE Communication to Institutions

- Eligible PFS Students Report
- Institution Specific Designation Report should be crossreferenced with Eligible PFS Student Report
- Transfer/Reapplication List



Scholarship Amounts

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship:

- >First year: \$6,700
- >Years 2, 3, and 4: \$7,500/year

Preparation Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement:

> Years 2, 3, and 4: \$10,000/year

**Students enrolled at two-year institutions are not eligible to receive Scholarship Enhancements

62-330 Policies and Procedures for Awarding

E. In determining the amount awarded for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement, all other sources of gift aid, including federal, State, private and institutional funds, must be applied to the unmet cost-of-attendance before calculating the Scholarship and Enhancement amounts and making the award. Adjustments to the financial aid package will be made to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement in accordance with prescribed Title IV regulations in order to prevent an over-award.



PFS Continuing Eligibility Requirements (62-335)

Once a student has been awarded a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, they must do the following to maintain their Scholarship each academic year:

- 1. Earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at the student's home institution by the end of each academic year (fall, spring and summer); and
- 2. Earn at least 30 nonremedial credit hours for graduation purposes by the end of each academic year. Exempted credit hours (i.e., AP, IB, CLEP), credit hours earned before high school graduation (i.e., dual enrollment courses) and credit hours earned the summer term immediately following high school graduation cannot be used to meet the annual credit hours requirement. No waiver for 1st year.

Student must also maintain SC residency, cannot be in default or owe a refund/repayment on any state or federal financial aid, student is also required to certify affidavit on conviction of felonies and submit any required documentation to the financial aid office.

Reminder: 62-335 Duration and Renewal of Awards

E. By the end of the spring term each academic year, the <u>institution</u> <u>must notify</u> all Palmetto Fellows who have not met the continued eligibility requirements for the next academic year.

The notification should include information regarding the student's ability to attend summer term in order to meet the continued eligibility requirements.



62-335.D. - obtaining institutional certification of each recipient's cumulative grade point average and annual credit hours for the purposes of determining eligibility for award renewal.

62-335.F. - reporting to the Commission on Higher Education credit hours earned at the home institution only.

62-340.E. - reviewing all Palmetto Fellows transferring to their institution to determine whether the students are eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

Initial Eligibility Requirements for Enhancement for Transfer to 4-Year

- A student must meet ALL of the eligibility requirements for a Palmetto Fellows or the LIFE Scholarship;
- Be a recipient of Palmetto Fellows or LIFE Scholarship;
- Must be a declared math or science major in a CHE approved program;
- O Must have taken at least fourteen credit hours of instruction in mathematics and life and physical science courses before the end of their <u>FIRST</u> academic year in school.

*(CLEP), Dual Enrollment, Pass/Fail courses with a grade of "Pass" (only), Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory courses with a grade of "Satisfactory" (only), (IB) courses and (AP) courses in mathematics and life and physical sciences taken in high school in which the student scored a three or more on the advanced placement test and received college credit may count toward the fulfillment of this minimum requirement.

Palmetto Fellows 62-335.H. LIFE 62-1200.10.O

^{*} Students enrolled at two-year institutions are not eligible to receive Scholarship Enhancements

Eligible Classes / Programs

- Approved lists of eligible majors and eligible courses to meet the fourteen credit hour course requirement for the Palmetto Fellows or LIFE Scholarship Enhancement are provided on the Commission's website at www.che.sc.gov.
- CIP codes have been approved by the Commission on Higher Education for eligible degree programs in the fields of mathematics and science.



PFS FAQ Document

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PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

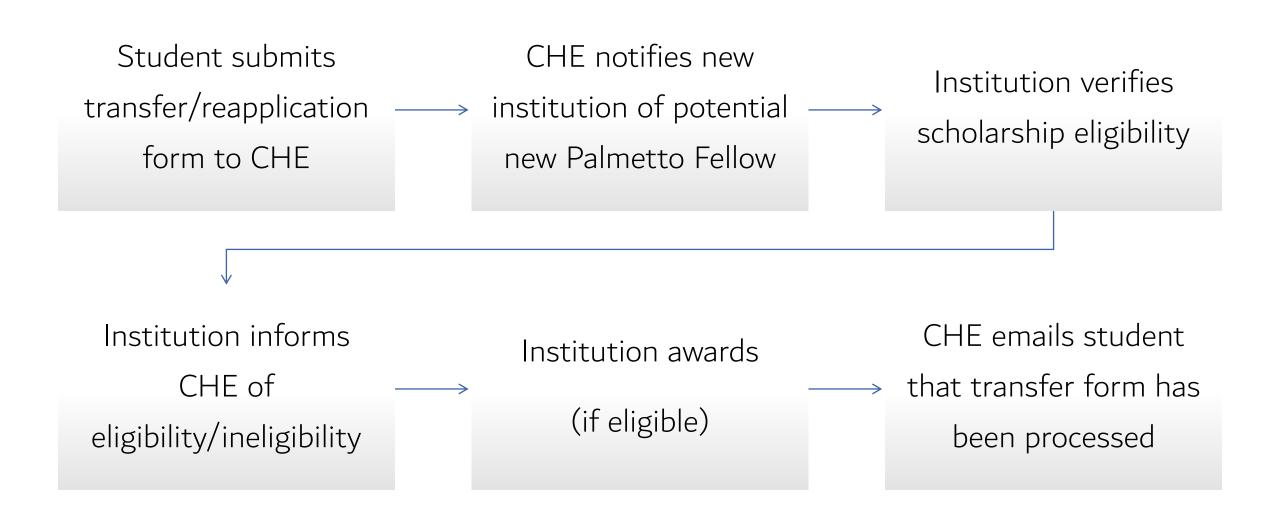
- The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is a merit-based program established in 1988 to recognize the most academically talented high school seniors and encourage these students to attend college in the State. The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program is administered by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. Palmetto Fellows may receive up to \$6,700 their freshman year and up to \$7,500 for their sophomore, junior and senior years. Half of the Scholarship is awarded in the fall term and half in the spring term. The Scholarship must be applied directly toward the cost of attendance, less any other gift aid received. Assuming continued eligibility, Palmetto Fellows may receive Scholarship funding for a maximum of eight full-time terms of study toward their first bachelor's degree at an eligible four-year institution in South Carolina.
- The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement was established in 2007 to increase the number of students who major in mathematics and science in South Carolina. For Enhancement eligibility, Palmetto Fellows must declare a major in an approved math or science program. Beginning with the Fall 2007 freshman class and thereafter, Palmetto Fellows must also successfully complete at least fourteen credit hours of instruction in mathematics or life and physical science or a combination of both by the end of the first academic year. Eligible students may receive up to \$10,000 (combined funds from the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and the Scholarship Enhancement) per year beginning with their second/sophomore year of college enrollment. Students may receive Enhancement funding for a maximum of six full-time terms of study toward their first bachelor's degree at an eligible four-year institution in South Carolina.



- Approved Five-Year Programs
- Eligible Institutions
- Reapplication (Out-of-State) Form
- In-State Transfer Form
- Contacts/More Information

https://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/PayingForCollege/FinancialAssistanceAvailable/ScholarshipsGrantsf orSCResidents/PalmettoFellowsScholarshipProgram.aspx

PFS Transfer / Reapplication Process (62-340)



CHEMIS Data Reporting

 Ms. Monica Goodwin holds an annual CHEMIS Data training in late summer.

 Palmetto Fellows recipients will be reported into CHEMIS, same as LIFE, SC HOPE, etc.

 Correcting any SSN mismatches prior to the submission of CHEMIS data can reduce errors received during submission.

 Renewal Reports are due October 15th each year.



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LIFE Scholarships, eligibility, duration

SECTION 2. Section <u>59-149-60</u> of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

"Section <u>59-149-60</u>. The student may receive a LIFE Scholarship for not more than ten semesters for a five-year degree program, eight semesters for a four-year degree program, four semesters for a two-year degree program, or six semesters for a three-year degree program."

Time effective

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

O Approved the 6th day of May, 2021.



What does this mean?

- Students in identified Associates Degree programs may receive up to three years or 6 consecutive terms of LIFE Scholarship funding.
- Eligible programming has been identified by SC Technical College System, USC Regionals and Spartanburg Methodist College.
- There will be a developed process to add additional programs to the list in an annual review process
- A student MUST still meet the continued eligibility requirements to get the third year of funding (3.0 LIFE GPA and a minimum of 60 earned credit hours after second year of attendance)
- The scholarship is still operating on a continuous clock. Time spent at an ineligible institution, or time spent in an ineligible program will count against terms of eligibility.
 - Ex. Cannot spend a year in a two-year program, switch, and still have all three years.



End of 1st Academic Year

Earn a 3.0 Cumulative LIFE GPA

Earn at least 30 credit hours

End of 2nd Academic Year

(for approved associates programs)

Earn a 3.0 Cumulative LIFE GPA

Earn at least 60 credit hours



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Aircraft Maintenance 35	5302	Greenville Technical College
Technology		Trident Technical College
Architectural Engineering 35 Technology	5304	Greenville Technical College
Auto Body Repair 35	5376	Greenville Technical College
Automotive Technology 35	5306	Florence-Darlington Technical College
		Greenville Technical College
		Midlands Technical College
		Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
		Spartanburg Community College
		Tri-County Technical College
		York Technical College
Building Construction 35 Technology	5317	Piedmont Technical College
Computer Technology 35	35104	Central Carolina Technical College
		Greenville Technical College
		Horry-Georgetown Technical College
		Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
		Spartanburg Community College





Construction Engineering 35308	Greenville Technical College	
Technology		Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Criminal Justice	35505	Florence-Darlington Technical College
		Technical College of the Lowcountry
Culinary Arts	35017	Greenville Technical College
		Horry-Georgetown Technical College
		Spartanburg Community College
Dental Hygiene	al Hygiene 35203	Florence-Darlington Technical College
		Greenville Technical College
	Horry-Georgetown Technical College	
		Midlands Technical College
		Trident Technical College
		York Technical College
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	35218	Greenville Technical College
Early Care and Education	35508	Aiken Technical College
		Central Carolina Technical College
	Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	





Electronics Engineering	35310	Aiken Technical College
Technology		Greenville Technical College
		Horry-Georgetown Technical College
		Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
		Piedmont Technical College
		Spartanburg Community College
		Tri-County Technical College
Emergency Medical Technology	35299	Aiken Technical College
		Horry-Georgetown Technical College
		Tri-County Technical College
		Trident Technical College
Engineering Design Technology	35307	Greenville Technical College
		Midlands Technical College
		Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
		Tri-County Technical College
Engineering Fundamentals	35381	Midlands Technical College
Forestry Management Technology	35403	Horry-Georgetown Technical College
General Engineering Technology	35301	Horry-Georgetown Technical College
		Piedmont Technical College
Golf and Sports Turf Management	35506	Horry-Georgetown Technical College





Health Information	35213	Greenville Technical College
Management		Trident Technical College
Heating, Ventilation, Air	35390	Florence-Darlington Technical
Conditioning Technology		College
		Midlands Technical College
		Piedmont Technical College
		Tri-County Technical College
Industrial Electronics Technology	35360	Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
		Spartanburg Community College
		Tri-County Technical College
Industrial Maintenance Technology	35372	Aiken Technical College
	35370	Florence-Darlington Technical College
		Greenville Technical College
		Horry-Georgetown Technical College
		Midlands Technical College
		Northeastern Technical College
		Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical
		College
		Spartanburg Community College
Mechanical Engineering	35315	Greenville Technical College
Technology		Piedmont Technical College
		Trident Technical College





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35371	Greenville Technical College
	Horry-Georgetown Technical College
	Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
	Spartanburg Community College
	Tri-County Technical College
35205	Florence-Darlington Technical College
	Greenville Technical College
	Midlands Technical College
	Spartanburg Community College
	Tri-County Technical College
	Trident Technical College
	York Technical College
35019	Horry-Georgetown Technical College
35208	Aiken Technical College
	Florence-Darlington Technical College
	Greenville Technical College
	Horry-Georgetown Technical College
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	Spartanburg Community College
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Occupational Therapy Assistant	35221	Greenville Technical College
		Horry-Georgetown Technical College
		Piedmont Technical College
		Trident Technical College
Paralegal	35520	Florence-Darlington Technical College
		Technical College of the Lowcountry
Physical Therapist Assistant	35219	Greenville Technical College
		Horry-Georgetown Technical College
		Midlands Technical College
		Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
		Technical College of the Lowcountry
		Trident Technical College
Radiation Protection Technology	35369	Aiken Technical College
		Spartanburg Community College





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LOTTERY TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UPDATE



Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP)

Award Notification

"The Commission on Higher Education and the SC Technical College System staff have completed a review of Lottery Tuition Assistance awards for AY 2020. Based on our review of award activity over the past year and our expectations regarding future awards and funding levels, we have decided to maintain the award at the current level of \$110 per credit hour for Summer 2021. However, the current award amount appears unsustainable as we move into the new academic year, so the award for Fall 2021 will be reduced to \$85 per credit hour for a maximum of 15 credit hours per semester."

- Bryce Wilson, Director, Office of Fiscal Affairs, SC Commission on Higher Education, April 1, 2021 Notification to institutions



QUESTIONS?



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